



## Alosa pseudoharengus

### Alewife, Gray Herring

#### General

1. Pelagic, anadromous: freshwater, brackish, marine
2. Growing to 38cm

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Atlantic Coast from Newfoundland to the Carolinas, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Virginias
2. Habitats
  - Movement of schooling adults restricted to coastal areas proximal to natal estuaries
  - Migrate up rivers and even small streams to spawn in lakes and rivers, then return to sea shortly after spawning
  - Feeds on shrimps and small fishes, diatoms, copepods, ostracods
  - Temperate waters



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<http://www.fishbase.org/Photos/ThumbnailsSummary.php?ID=1583>

#### Invasion Pathways

1. Natural dispersal
2. Intentional biological introduction
3. Smuggling

#### Sources

1. <http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=625&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>
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